

of the smooth handle to things in the beginning. The right way of doing a thing is always, in the long run, the smoothest handle by which to take hold of it. We should establish the habit of doing everything in the right and best way, so far as we can find out what that is. Such a habit will be of infinite value to us all thru life.

## Sisters' S. C. E.

### Treasurer's Report of the S. S. C. E. for the Month of November

#### THEOLOGICAL FUND

Reported,		\$15 70
Lottie Rumbaugh,	on pledge,	1 00
Rev. J. R. Keller,	"	1 00
Pat O'Neill,	"	1 00
L. Z. Leplogle,	"	1 00
D. M. Smouse,	"	1 00
Dr. Mary A. Laughlin,	"	1 00
Miss Vianna Detwiler,	"	1 00
Mrs. Sarah E. Wilson,	"	1 00
" J. A. Riley,	"	1 00
" Rebecca Loucks,	"	1 00
" Sadie Horner,	"	1 00
" Ellen Lighty in full,	"	4 00
" Ida Shank,	"	1 00
Ladies Aid Soc., Johnstown, Pa., on pledge,		1 00
Balance,		\$32 70

#### FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Reported,		\$49 58
Mary E. Hamilton in full on pledge,		3 00
Balance,		\$52 58

#### HOME MISSION FUND

Reported,		\$64 91
To Treas. of National Mission Board,		\$10 00
Balance,		\$54 91

#### SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND

Reported,		\$102 22
Churches of Penna., per Mrs. J. Knepper,		30 00
To Brother Holsinger,		10 00
" " Nickolson,		10 00
Balance,		\$112 22

ALICE E. AUGUSTINE.

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Turlock, Calif.

Probably a report from our society will be acceptable as we notice our column is sometimes lacking. We are not so many in number, yet we are earnest workers for Christ and his cause. Financially we believe our money will go on and do good after it leaves our hands.

We are sad indeed that our much loved secretary, sister C. Ronk, has removed to a distant part of the state. Words fail us to tell how much we miss her.

Our annual revival services closed Sunday night Feb. 16, conducted by our state Evangelist, brother Roger E. Darling. Quite a large congregation listened very attentively for three weeks to his earnest and eloquent sermons with but one conversion, but a general awakening of the church and many serious thinkers that we hope and pray will develop into active Christians. As Brother Darling goes on to his other fields of labor,

he leaves only true earnest friends at Turlock who were sad indeed to say good bye.

Our beloved pastor, Brother Shively, was with us in the meetings all that was possible and labored earnestly as he always has done, and no one knows his worth so well as those who have listened to his eloquence ever since he came to California.

Our hearts are sad indeed because of the removal of brother and sister C. Ronk from our church and community. Their places cannot be filled, but we must not forget there is no sorrow that Christ cannot heal, and we are glad that in Heaven there will be no farewells spoken. MRS. ABBIE FULKERTH.

### WOMAN'S WORK

MRS. CARRIE D. HIGGINS

Christ is the center round which all Christian work should revolve. It is important for humanity that Christ lived and died but most of all that he arose from the dead. He came to us on an errand and carried that errand to a grand finale. The multitudes who followed Christ heard his word but understood not—and tho seeing did not perceive. But to his disciples, which should include you and me, "it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven." What we hear depends much on what we are trying to hear. Paul's speech may have been contemptible in the judgment of some, but not to those skilled in discerning spiritual things. It is not for us to listen for the moment and straightway to forget. It is the word hid in the heart which rules the life. So with the messages that come to us. Tho they may not always be clothed with the splendor and rhetorical beauties of an Isaiah, they may be glorified by the halo of truth and earnestness. So when the heart of man is willing, the voice of God penetrates its innermost recesses.

Notice the beautiful simplicity of Jesus as he speaks to Mary Magdalene—the poor Magdalene—the faithful woman who had walked all those miles before sunrise to the grave of her Lord. The men in their superior wisdom could perceive nothing unusual about the sepulcher and had returned to

their homes and Mary stood alone by the tomb. Jesus saith unto her, "Woman why weepest thou?" And after making himself known unto her, tells her to "go and tell" that he had ascended unto his Father and her Father—his God and her God. Thus we see that to our sex belongs the glory of being the first to preach a risen Savior. These glad tidings first falling from the lips of a woman, have been taken up and repeated again and again until his name has brought light and peace to many lands. Those olden times were surely dark days for woman kind. Doubtless it was the degraded condition of the sex in general at that time that prompted the Apostle Paul to make the few, unfortunate, uninspired utterances that have caused centuries of controversy and even now hinder some of our sisters from exercising their God given talents. We sometimes wonder if the excuse, "St. Paul said so and so," will satisfy the Judge of all, when he comes to reckon with us and finds our talents wrapped in a napkin. From the first the women with whom the Savior associated, began to change. Here began her emancipation and in an incredible short time such characters as Salome, Joanna, Susanna, Martha and the Marys rounded out and became prominent as Christian women and their names along with other women whom Christ honored have come down to us thru the writings of the evangelists, while his male friends—save the disciples are unnamed and unremembered. He was man's friend. We have learned that to us are open grand opportunities, grand responsibilities, the hope of grand reward.

Surely those were dark days when the life of the Christian Mckinley hung by a thread and that thread snapped asunder. And from this sad event we can learn some lessons, first the old old lesson that in the midst of life we are in death. Man goeth forth to his work and to his labor until the evening, he fleeth as it were a shadow and never continueth in one stay.

Another great lesson we should heed is the vanity of mere earthly greatness. In the presence of the dread messenger, how small

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